

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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BLOCK 975  
SLIDE # 11

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Furst Brothers and Company

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1300 Block Creek Alley at B&amp;O Railroad Tracks

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO **vacant**

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE

1977

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Commission for Historic and Architectural Preservation

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**


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This complex of three brick buildings was built in stages to handle tinning and other finishing operations.

The earliest structure is a three bay wide, five bay deep, gable roofed structure with a boarded clerestory. It is built of brick laid in common bond. The front of the structure has a pair of segmental arched window openings with a triple row of headers serving as the lintels. A set of double wooden doors are set in the center. The railroad track side of the structure has five rectangular window openings. All windows are boarded and have granite sills. The roof is covered with tarpaper. A series of four square chimneys rises from the rear of the structure, where it adjoins an irregularly shaped structure to the northwest.

This second structure is five bays deep, placed at right angles to the early structure, and similarly detailed. It has two stories of windows rather than one. A two bay wide one story, shed roofed structure makes a bevelled edge at the outside corner in the plan of the described structures.

To the north, a one story, four bay deep, brick, flat roofed structure connects these buildings to a three bay wide, nine bay deep, two story brick structure, with a gabled roof. All windows on these lastly described buildings are rectangular, with granite sills, and are boarded or brick in. A tall, battered, square chimney stack rises from the northwest corner of this building.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c.1895

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These structures, the first of which was built c.1895, housed Furst Brothers and Company, picture frame and molding manufacturers still operative in Sharp-Leadenhall. Furst Brothers did not come to occupy the buildings until c.1900, and the earliest structure originally housed the Keen and Hagerty Tin Ware manufactory. Keen and Hagerty also made stamped and Japan ware, imported tin plate, and dealt in tinnern supplies, including sheet iron, wire, zinc and solder.

Furst Brothers came to occupy the early building, and probably built the additions stretching to the north. By c.1910 all of the buildings were erected. Immediately to the west, Furst utilized some Civil War vintage B&O structures (no longer standing) for storage. The original, 4-chimneyed structure was their retinning room; the structure at right angles to this was the Japan room.

Furst Brothers Company now occupies buildings at the northeast corner of Ostend and Leadenhall Streets. Another long established firm still in operation in Sharp-Leadenhall is the Hilgartner Natural Stone Company, which occupies a group of undistinguished buildings at 101 W. Cross Street, a recent and not historic location.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Commission for Hist. &amp; Arch. Pres.

DATE

1977

STREET &amp; NUMBER

100 N. Holliday Street

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396-4866

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

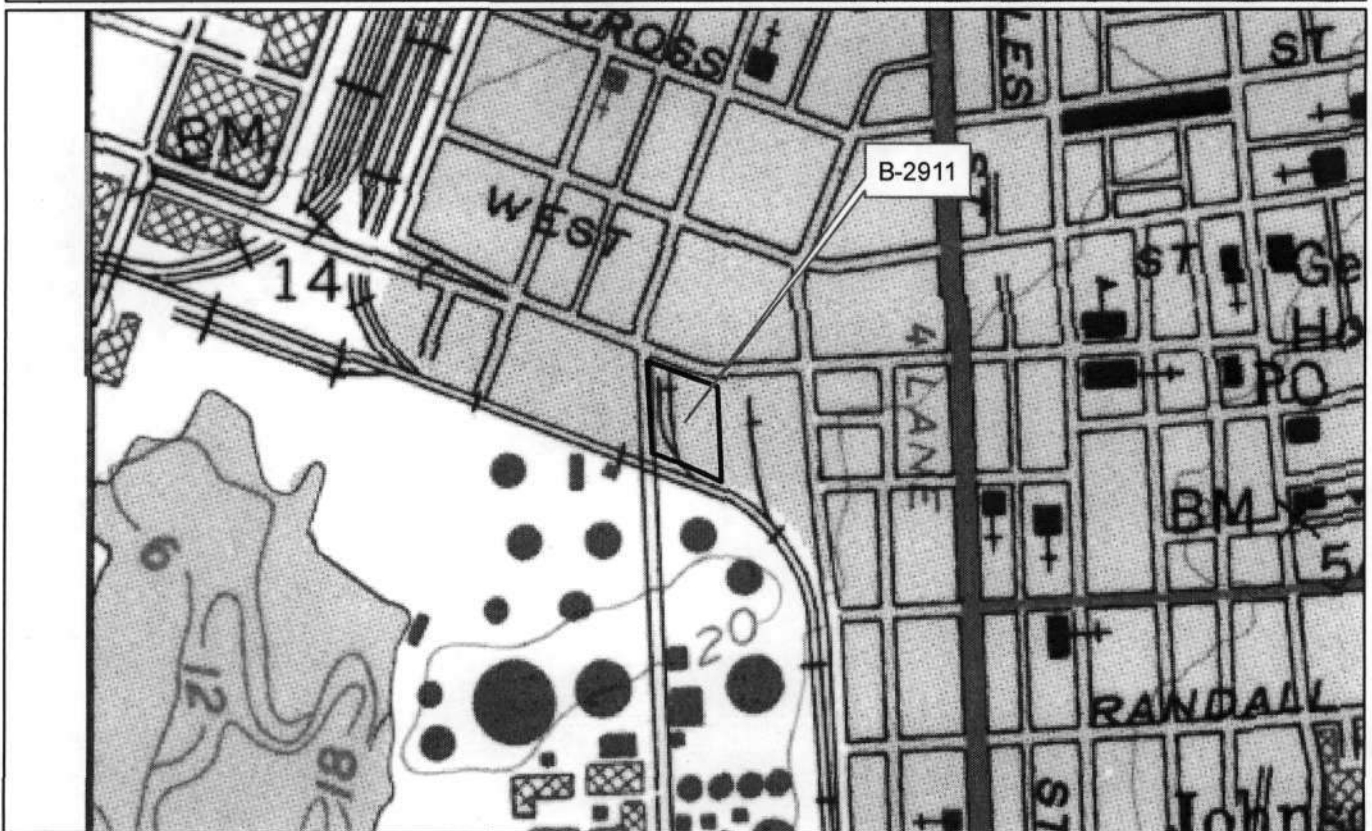
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

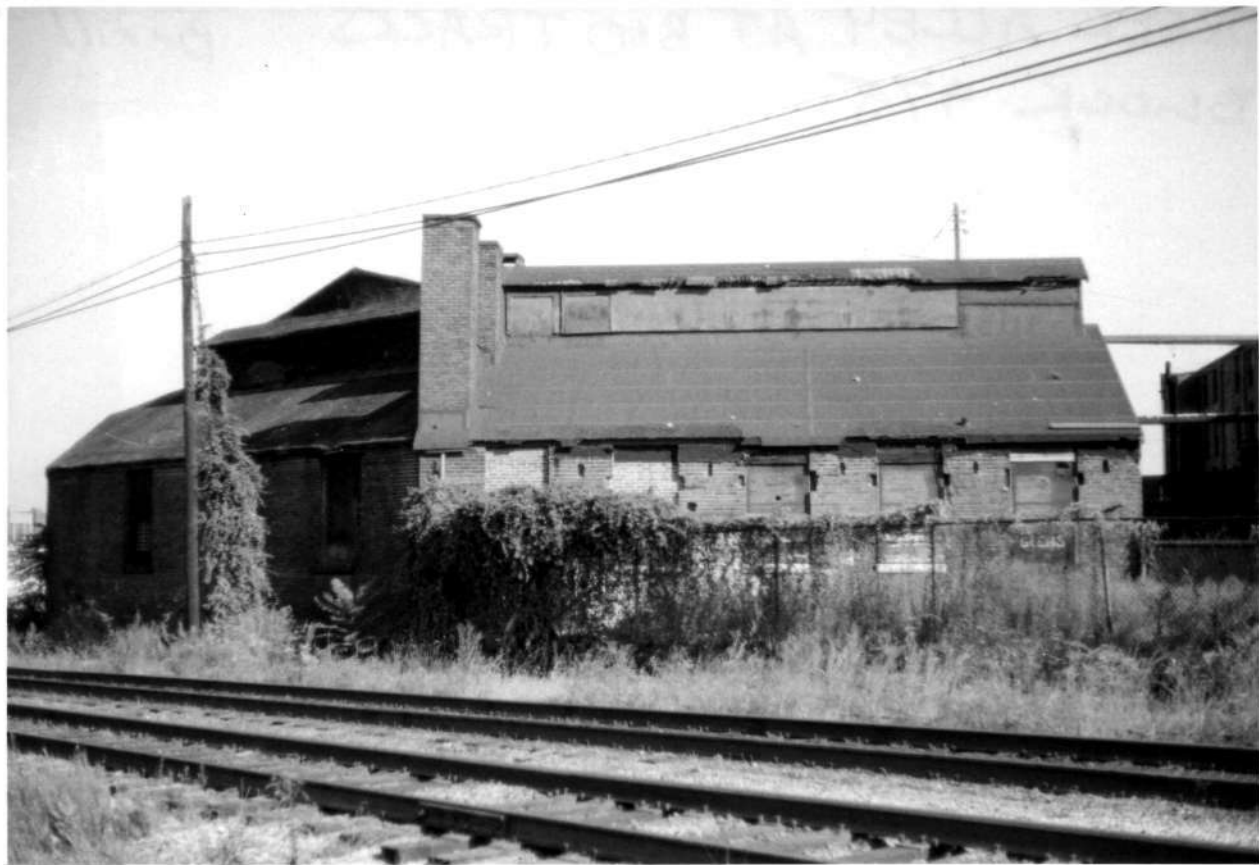
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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Block 0975 Lot 002  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





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